

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A coronagraph for detecting reflective bodies external to a light source comprising:
 - a first mirror for directing a beam of light onto an occulting mask, the first mirror adjustable based on a data from a fiber optic sensor or a second sensor;
 - an occulting mask for separating the beam into a first and second portion, the occulting mask directing the first portion onto a fiber optic sensor and the second portion onto a Lyot stop, the occulting mask adjustable based on data from the second sensor;
 - the Lyot stop for separating the second portion of the beam into a third and fourth portion, the Lyot stop directing the third portion of the beam onto the second sensor and the fourth portion of the beam onto a camera for detecting one or more reflective bodies external to a light source.
2. A method for detecting reflective bodies external to a light source comprising:
 - detecting a first portion of a beam of light at a fiber optic sensor after the beam has passed through an occulting mask;
 - based on a data from the fiber optic sensor, adjusting a first mirror or an occulting mask;
 - detecting a second portion of a beam of light at a second sensor after the beam has reflected off of a Lyot Stop;
 - based on a data from the second sensor, adjusting the first mirror or the occulting mask; and
 - detecting a third portion of the beam at a camera after the beam has passed through the Lyot Stop, the third portion of the beam comprising light from one or more reflective bodies external to a light source.
3. A coronagraph for detecting reflective bodies external to a light source comprising:
 - a first mirror for directing a beam of light onto an occulting mask, the first mirror adjustable based on a data from a first sensor or a second sensor;

an occulting mask for separating the beam into a first and second portion, each portion directed to a separate plane, the first portion further directed onto a first sensor and the second portion further directed onto a Lyot stop, the occulting mask adjustable based on data from the second sensor;

the Lyot stop for separating the second portion of the beam into a third and fourth portion, the Lyot stop directing the third portion of the beam onto the second sensor and the fourth portion of the beam onto a camera for detecting one or more reflective bodies external to a light source.

4. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first mirror comprises one or more PZT stacks.
5. The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the first mirror comprises one or more PZT stacks.
6. The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the first mirror comprises one or more PZT stacks.
7. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the occulting mask comprises an entrance formed as a bevel.
8. The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the occulting mask comprises an entrance formed as a bevel.
9. The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the occulting mask comprises an entrance formed as a bevel.
10. The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising a doublet for directing the first portion onto the fiber optic sensor.

11. The method as recited in claim 3 further comprising a doublet for directing the first portion onto the fiber optic sensor.
12. The method as recited in claim 2 further comprising the step of focusing the first beam of light onto the fiber optic sensor via a doublet.
13. The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising a one or more directing mirrors for directing the first portion onto the fiber optic sensor.
14. The method as recited in claim 3 further comprising a one or more directing mirrors for directing the first portion onto the fiber optic sensor.
15. The method as recited in claim 2 further comprising the step of directing the first beam of light onto the fiber optic sensor via a one or more directing mirrors.
16. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the fiber optic sensor comprises one or more fiber feeds.
17. The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the fiber optic sensor comprises one or more fiber feeds.
18. The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the fiber optic sensor comprises one or more fiber feeds.
19. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the fiber optic sensor comprises a lenslet.
20. The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the fiber optic sensor comprises a lenslet.
21. The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the fiber optic sensor comprises a lenslet.